



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: HOASHI=2

In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1761  
Masahito HOASHI, et al. ) Examiner: D. BECKER  
Serial No.: 09/000,366 ) Confirmation No. 5189  
Filed: January 28, 1998 ) Washington D.C.  
For: METHOD FOR THAWING ) February 20, 2002  
FROZEN GROUND FISH )  
MEATS )

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the Office Action of  
September 21, 2001, for which a two month extension of time to  
respond is hereby requested, please enter the following  
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Fourth Amendment) A method for thawing frozen  
ground fish meat which comprises milling a frozen ground fish  
meat mass to a substantially uniform particle size and then  
thawing without shearing it by elevating the temperature.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

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1. (Fourth Amendment) A process for producing  
materials for fish paste products which involves the step of  
milling a frozen ground fish meat mass to a uniform particle  
size thawing said milled particles without shearing it by  
elevating the temperature to give a ground fish meat; and